

ished, and parties taken to the hunting grounds at low rates.

him admiring glances, served to further confirm his purpose of carrying out his plans that day.

At nine o'clock a carriage drove to the door, a curly head was thrust from the window, then a faint little form was seen on the step, and soon a fair form was rushing up the walk.

The sound of horses' feet rapidly
prouching caused him to hasten; but
was too late. Two men on foot were
already in the yard, and after a terrible
struggle he was taken by them, pinioned
and led away.

"Open to friends," cried Fra-

An African gent'man recently w
into a blacksmith's shop, "away o
in Texas, with his coat-tail pocket
of powder. He came out through
roof.

The Swiss army now numbers 477 commissioned officers, and its effective strength is 200,754 men. The highest rank recognized in the Swiss Army during peacetime is that of colonel.

It is stated that the South last year saved \$10,000,000 on public schools.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY has eight fellowships open yearly valued at \$100 each.

—The Bay City Tribune in a local note of an excursion to Jackson says: "The dollars pays the whole bill, including mission to the prison."

NEWS CONDENSED.

Concise Record of the Week.

EASTERN.

Thomas J. Curran, of New York, was elected President of the International Brotherhood of Book-Makers, in session at New York.

Three inches of snow fell Wednesday in the Derby Life (N.Y.) section.

George Wilkes, founder of *Wilkes' Spirit of the Times*, died in his residence at New York.

Goldsmith Maid, ex-quon of the trotting turf, died suddenly at the Fashion Stud Farm, near New York, in her 29th year.

May Edward Brown, a prominent lawyer of Boston, who is charged with heavy embezzlements from clients, has disappeared from that city, and is supposed to have gone to Canada.

A permanent exposition building to cost \$200,000, is to be erected at Pittsburgh, Gen. C. J. Paine, of Boston, is the purchaser of the yacht *Puritan*, which he will keep for pleasure purposes.

An Italian bark, from Marseilles, on which a scoundrel died from cholera three days after leaving the latter port, reached New York last week, and is detained at quarantine.

Three hundred employees of the Union Store Works, at Peekskill, N. Y., have struck for an increase in wages.

Richard Howell broke the mile record for safety bicycles at Springfield, Mass., doing the mile in 2:45, and lowering the record 5.95 seconds.

WESTERN.

A St. Louis policeman who had been whipped several times by people who objected to being arrested, killed himself while insane from injuries and fear.

According to enumeration just taken, the population of Des Moines, Iowa, is 22,400, an increase of 10,000 since 1880.

Strong opposition to the proposed sale of the lands known as the "Oklahoma and Cherokee strips" has developed among the Seminoles, Creek, and Cherokee Indians.

Joseph Fisher and his three children were burned to death in their farm dwelling near Waukegan, Iowa. A dispatch from Ansonia, Iowa, gives the following particulars of the shocking affair:

About midnight Mr. Fisher was aroused by the crackling and clatter of flames which were eating their way through the lower portion of the house and enveloping the stairway. Taking an infant child from his wife's arms, he attempted to descend the stairway with it, but was driven back by the fire and smoke. He then endeavored to take the child to the room where his wife and children were sleeping, but was overcome by the heat and smoke, and when he awoke he found himself lying on the floor, his wife and children dead. The fire had consumed the entire house, and the bodies of the children had been found in the ruins, but no trace of the bodies of the other two children has been discovered.

A special from Fargo (Dakota) says: "Prairie fires are still spreading over a vast scope of country between the Red and James Rivers, as well as farther west. The past few days' losses have been heavy in Barnes and Stutsman Counties, and the fires are going south into Lamoure and Dieke. Only a must be a good many hundred thousand dollars in North Dakota."

Michigan (Ind.) dispatch: "The bond swindles of L. B. Pollard and his gang involve nearly \$1,000,000. This amount in Indiana township bonds is known to be on the market, and how much more may be involved is only a matter of guesswork, and the full extent of the swindle will probably never be known. Eleven township trustees are involved, and their issues of bonds will average over \$50,000 each."

The mare Adelaide, record 2:18, has been purchased by Mr. Schwartz, of Chicago for \$12,000.

A locomotive spark ignited a pile of lumber in the heart of the lumber district at Chicago, and started a conflagration which lasted for six hours and destroyed over \$100,000 worth of property.

SOUTHERN.

Ten convicts escaped from a plantation near Henrico, Texas, visited the town, and entered a saloon, where the convicts of the main members of a theatrical troupe, leaving their striped suits behind. A large posse started in pursuit, and reports have reached Henrico that four of the criminals had been recaptured.

New Orleans finances are at a very low ebb, in consequence of wasteful expenditures. The city employees have not been paid since June and the teachers since April.

A dispatch from Cumberland, Md., says that "while Sheriff McMillan was absent from the jail, Peter Baker and Emanuel Johnson, prisoners, made an attack on the turkey and broke out of the building, accompanied by George and Charles Baker, Peter Krutzer, William V. Dye, Daniel Davis, and Henry Kennedy, white, and Gertrude Sellers and John Thomas, colored, all of whom were confined on various charges. The turkey was badly beaten."

Three cars of a passenger train were thrown over an embankment near Warren Springs, N. C., twenty persons being injured, three fatally.

WASHINGTON.

In the case of Paymaster General Smith, defendant's counsel have applied to the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia for an injunction restraining the Secretary of the Navy from further proceedings against their client, on the ground that the court martial had no jurisdiction.

The issue of standard silver dollars during the week was 601,413.

John W. Mackay is at Washington using the allowance he has received from the Office of \$250,000 to the Bank of Nevada for money advanced on surveying contracts. Commissioner Sparks refuses to pay the claim until a thorough investigation can be made into the matter.

Imports of merchandise for the year ended Aug. 31 reached \$71,215,643, against \$67,711,310 for the previous year.

Secretary Lamar is still kept to his room. He has rays of stenographers and typewriters, and is doing a good deal of work while propped up by pillows in his bed.

During the eight months ended Aug. 31, 241,035 immigrants arrived in the United States, exclusive of those coming by way of Canada and Mexico, a decrease of 41,959 as compared with the corresponding period of 1901.

The Postmaster-General has decided to continue the standard mail service between Louisville, Ky., and Cincinnati, Ind., the contractors have agreed to reduce the charge for this service \$5,000 per year, making the annual expense \$10,000.

Secretary Manning has ordered that all money due to or become due to the Central Pacific Railroad Company for Government transportation be covered into the Treasury and applied toward the extinguishment of the indebtedness of that corporation to the Government.

POLITICAL.

The New York Republican State Convention met at the Madison Square Hotel on the 22d of September. Senator Warner Miller was made temporary, and James W. Husted permanent, Chairman. An informal ballot was taken for Governor, thirteen candidates being placed before the convention, with the following result: Lavenport, 101; Carr, 255; Morton, 121; Seward, 57; Sullivan, 23; Low, 10; Warren, 137; Drexel, 37; Bliss, 53; Cornell, 41; Evans, 11; Smith, 11; Charles Andrews, 1. The convention then adjourned until the following morning.

Upon reassembling a second ballot was taken, Lavenport receiving 213 and Carr 152. On the third ballot there was a landslide for Lavenport, and his nomination was made unanimous amid great cheering. The whole convention then yelled "Carr" for second place. General Carr was quickly nominated for the Lieutenant Governorship by acclamation. The remainder of the ticket went through in a similar manner. It was completed as follows: For Governor, Congressman Ira Davenport of Steuben County; for Lieutenant Governor, Maj. Gen. Joseph B. Carr of Seneca County and at present Secretary of State; for Secretary of State, Col. Anson S. Wood of Wayne County; for Controller, James W. Wadsworth of Livingston County; for Treasurer, Charles F. Ulrich of New York County; for Attorney General, Senator Edward B. Thoutant, Jr. of Seneca County; for Surrogate, William V. Wood of Seneca County.

The platform, which is very lengthy, demands the strengthening and extension of the civil-service laws of the State and nation and the rigid enforcement of their provisions; favors the repeal of the silver-coinage law; reiterates the protective tariff resolution adopted by the last Republican National Convention; condemns "the hypocrisy of the Democratic party in pleading itself before election to civil-service reform, and after election denouncing it through its press and its leaders as a mere cloak for selfish and unconstitutional, while the national administration removes tried and faithful public servants and replaces them with persons whose only recommendation is not 'loyalty' and, in some instances, disreputable political work."

"The duty of the Republican majority of the Senate to oppose the confirmation of any person appointed to civil-service duty," insists that the right of suffrage must be maintained free and untrammelled in all of the States; and recommends the passage of various measures for the benefit of the laboring classes. The candidate for Governor, Ira Davenport, is at present a Congressman, having been elected last fall. He has large business interests, and has proved to be a most successful business man. He has been Trustee of the Grand Army of the Republic since its formation, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of the National Orphan Asylum. It has been a State Senator, and was State Comptroller in 1881 and 1882.

The Colorado Republican State Convention, in session at Denver, nominated the Hon. Samuel H. Elbert, of Denver, for Judge of the Supreme Court.

The New York Democratic State Convention met at Saratoga Sept. 24. George Wadsworth, of Albany, was elected President. At the first ballot by an overwhelming majority. The convention then adjourned for the day. Upon reassembling, the next day, Roswell P. Flower was nominated for Lieutenant Governor by acclamation. The ticket was rapidly completed as follows: Secretary of State, Frederick Cook; Comptroller, Alfred C. Chapin; Attorney General, Denis O'Brien; State Treasurer, Lawrence J. Fitz Gerald; State Engineer and Surveyor, Elmer H. Sweet.

The platform, under the administration of President Cleveland and Governor Hill, approves the spirit of the national State laws for the regulation of the civil service, while condemning the manner in which the former were executed when the Republicans were in power, and demanding that the commission be reorganized so that its majority shall be in sympathy with the administration; advocates the repeal of the compulsory silver-coinage act; calls for a revision of the tariff upon the principles laid down by the last National Democratic Convention; expresses opposition to contract convict labor in any form; urges the enactment of Sunday laws for the benefit of the working classes, and denounces summary legislation.

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FOREIGN.

Constantinople dispatches state that "Turkish troops have had a skirmish with the Roumelian forces on the Mantza River. The latter are tearing up the railways on the frontier and fortifying the roadways. Serious disorders are reported from Macedonia. In a circular to the powers, Prince Alexander announces the union of Bulgaria and Roumelia. The Porte has protested to the signatory powers of the treaty of Berlin against the union, and announced that it will take measures to enforce its rights. A demonstration against the annexation of Roumelia by Austria has been made by students at Iolanda. The situation is regarded as critical at all the European capitals."

Prince Alexander of Bulgaria offers to abdicate in favor of any person the Czar may select, if the latter will guarantee to maintain the union between Roumelia and Bulgaria. A similar feeling prevails in Roumelia. The Sultan has found a new Ministry, with Kiamil Pasha as Grand Vizier. The

feeling at Philippopolis in favor of revolution is reported to be dying out. Traffic between Serbia and Roumelia has been suspended, and warlike preparations are in active progress in the former country. Great excitement over the situation prevails at all the European capitals. The Roumelian Powers all favor a conference for the settlement of the existing complications. Greek forces are massing on the frontier bordering on Thessaly.

In an address before a great crowd at London Mr. Chamberlain said he would never become a member of a Cabinet which did not adopt reform measures. Newman Hall's complimentary reference to the royal family brought forth a storm of derision which lasted several minutes.

Pope Leo has agreed to mediate between Germany and Spain with regard to the Caroline dispute, subject to certain conditions which have not yet been promulgated.

The Turkish Ministry has been dismissed and a new Cabinet formed. The new Ministry is said to be in favor of a compromise in order to secure a peaceful settlement of the questions at issue. Kiamil Pasha, the new Grand Vizier, was formerly Turkish Ambassador to Russia and maintains friendly relations with the Czar's Ministers.

LATER NEWS ITEMS.

A citizens' meeting at Seattle, in Washington Territory, adopted strong resolutions in favor of the vigorous enforcement of the Chinese restriction act, deploring the presence of the Mongolians, and urging the use of all lawful means for their removal.

Prof. Alex. Agassiz has been tendered the superintendency of the coast and geodetic survey, vice Professor Hilgard, resigned by request. Daniel O. Fitch of Des Moines, has been appointed United States Attorney for the Southern District of Iowa.

The cotton crop of Arkansas has been seriously damaged by unfavorable weather, and will fall below that of 1894.

A vein of ore has been struck in Davidson County, Tenn., which yields 80 per cent. of silver. A company has been organized to develop it.

Robert Pierce, a Boston manufacturer of felt goods, failed. He had incurred for the Willard Company, which recently suspended, for \$500,000.

The Insurance Commissioner of Connecticut has made an application for a reorganization of the Charter Oak Life Insurance Company.

A receiver was appointed for the Howe Sewing Machine Company on the application of the principal stockholders. The secured debts amount to \$600,000, and the unsecured to \$100,000, of which \$50,000 is for the pay of employees. The nominal assets are \$1,100,000.

The United States Circuit Court of New York denied the application of James A. Hinkley for a writ of quo warranto against the National Civil Service Commissioners. The motion was an attempt to abolish the commission on the ground that it was unconstitutional.

James E. Wilson's blind factory, in Portland, Me., involving a loss of \$30,000, with partial insurance. A fire broke out in Scholten's and Speller's brewery at Fair Haven, Connecticut, and the building was totally destroyed. The loss is \$80,000; partly insured.

Near Xenia, Ohio, Mrs. Parsons missed her four-year-old daughter, after having seen her playing in the yard. Making search, she found the child's dead and was eating her flesh. The dog had to be killed before the child's body could be recovered. The brute belonged to a neighbor.

Eight thousand people attended the Sam Jones camp-meeting at St. Joseph, Mo., Sunday.

James C. Pusey, the defaulting Chief Clerk of the Kansas penitentiary, has been sentenced to eight years' imprisonment.

At Cottonwood Point, Mo., two farmers quarreled. They clasped their hands and exchanged seven shots with revolvers held in their right. Both were killed.

The Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad company has declared a quarterly dividend of 3 1/2 per cent. on its preferred stock and of 2 1/2 per cent. on its common stock.

Judge Powers, of Provo, Utah, instructed the Grand Jury that a separate indictment could be found for each day during which a polygamist had lived with more than one wife since the passage of the Edmunds act.

A serious riot occurred between rioters and non-rioters employed in Laughlin's mill, near Martin's Ferry, Ohio. A large party of rioters, headed by a man named Laughlin, attacked the mill hands, and some hundreds of shots were exchanged between the forces. A number of the hands were wounded. The rioters retired after the conflict, and their losses, if any, are not reported.

A bill for the gradual abolition of slavery has passed both houses of the Brazilian Parliament.

An estimate based upon abundant data places the corn crop of the country at 1,070,000,000 bushels, an increase of 184,640 bushels over the yield of last year.

THE MARKETS.

NEW YORK.		
DEBTS.	\$4.60	@ 62.35
HOGS.	4.75	@ 50.50
WHEAT—No. 1 White.	4.01	@ 61.35
WHEAT—No. 2 Red.	3.95	@ 61.35
CORN—No. 2.	48	@ 50.50
OATS—White.	28	@ 40.00
OATS—Black.	26	@ 39.00
YORK—Mess.	9.75	@ 10.25
CHICAGO.		
DEBTS.—Choice to Prime Steers.	5.75	@ 62.35
Good Shipping.	5.00	@ 50.50
Common.	3.50	@ 40.00
HOGS.	4.75	@ 50.50
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OATS—White.	28	@ 40.00
OATS—Black.	26	@ 39.00
YORK—No. 2.	45	@ 40.25
YORK—No. 1.	48	@ 40.00
BUTTER—No. 1.	18	@ 20.00
BUTTER—Choice Creamery.	19	@ 21.00
CHEESE—No. 1.	16	@ 20.00
CHEESE—Full Cream, new.	19 1/2	@ 21.00
SKIMMED FLATS.	15 1/2	@ 20.00
PHOSPHATE—Per bu.	13	@ 40.00
YORK—No. 1.	48	@ 40.00
YORK—Mess.	8.50	@ 9.00
MILWAUKEE.		
WHEAT—No. 1.	65	@ 67.00